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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
House Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
House Transportation and Infrastructure  
Committee  
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RE: Member Designated Project Request: Southgate Interchange (EIR Only)

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Southgate Interchange (EIR Only) project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

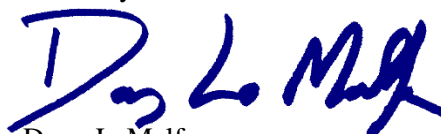
The project sponsor for this project is the City of Chico and the project is located within California's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District along State Route 99 where it intersects with Southgate Avenue, and Estates Drive in southern Chico, California.

The funding is designated for the Environmental Impact Report for the Southgate Interchange project. This project will construct a new interchange at Southgate Avenue and State Route 99 in south Chico, CA, new Class I bike facilities, and a realignment of Skyway to directly connect to State Route 99.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the surrounding region. Skyway's realignment and connection to State Route 99 will provide a more efficient and safe evacuation route from Paradise and other portions of the Ridge in the event of another fire. The project will also accomplish a California Department of Transportation priority by eliminating two State Highway System traffic signals at Southgate Avenue and State Route 99, and Estates Drive and State Route 99. The Class I bike facilities will be established to eventually connect to regionally planned routes near Paradise and Durham.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Doug LaMalfa  
Member of Congress